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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: GRAND DUKE'S CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL PATTON

1. I HAVE JUST REVIEWED WITH GENERAL GEORGE S. PATTON HIS CONVERSATION WITH GRAND DUKE JEAN DURING A COURTESY CALL ON MEMORIAL DAY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONIES HERE WHICH WERE HELD AT GENERAL PATTON'S FATHER'S GRAVE. GENERAL PATTON HAS KNOWN THE GRAND DUKE FOR MANY YEARS. HE FOUND HIM FAR BETTER INFORMED ON, AND INTERESTED IN, WORLD ISSUES THAN HAD BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST. THERE WAS A LOT OF TALK ABOUT AFRICA AND NATO. THE GRAND DUKE TOLD GENERAL PATTON THAT HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE GENERAL HAIG WHEN THE LATTER VISITS ETTLECRUCK FOR PATTON DAY MEMORIAL CEREMONIES ON JUNE 11. (I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GENERAL HAIG'S OFFICE TO ARRANGE THE CALL.) ACCORDING TO GENERAL PATTON, THE GRAND DUKE ALSO "EXPRESSED A STRONG DESIRE" TO CALL ON PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. THE GRAND DUKE DOES NOT HAVE AN AMERICAN VISIT SCHEDULED THIS YEAR AS FAR AS I AM AWARE, ALTHOUGH HE HAS GONE TO THE U.S. SEVERAL TIMES ON HIS OWN AND MAY WELL BE THINKING OF DOING SO NEXT YEAR. I AM SEEING HIM AT A NUMBER
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OF CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND HE MAY WELL RAISE THE SUBJECT WITH ME. I WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHAT I MIGHT SAY IF HE DOES --SPECIFICALLY, WHETHER I CAN OFFER HIM ANY ENCOURAGEMENT THAT A CALL ON THE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF HE SAYS THAT HE IS PLANNING TO GO TO THE U.S. NEXT YEAR.

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